

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. patent of :  
Norbert WEFERLING, et al. :  
Serial No. to be assigned :  
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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING :  
ALKYLPHOSPHONITE ESTERS :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
And Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, insert "PROCESS FOR PREPARING ALKYLPHOSPHONITE ESTERS"

Page 1, line 2, insert "--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--".

Page 2, line 1, insert "--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--".

Page 2, line 16, insert "--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--".

Page 11, line 1, insert "--EXAMPLES--".

Page 17, line 1, delete "Patent claims" and substitute therefor "--CLAIMS--".

Page 22, before line 1, delete "Process for the preparation of alkylphosphonous acid esters".

Page 22, line 1, delete "Abstract" and substitute therefor "--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE--".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, delete "one or more of claims 1 to 3," and substitute therefor, "--claim 1, --".